



# What is Adult Protective Services?

Your Partner to Protect and Serve Older Adults & Adults with Disabilities

**ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS)** is a social services program available in every state, serving older adults and adults with disabilities. APS workers respond to reports of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation. Contact your local APS program for state-specific information.

## THE ROLE OF APS

- Receive reports of alleged abuse, neglect, self-neglect or financial exploitation
- Assess individual's unique needs
- Develop a service plan to maintain his/her safety, health and independence
- Address emergency needs for food, shelter, legal assistance or law enforcement protection

## APS WILL...

- Honor the alleged victim's right to make their own decisions, including declining services
- Strive to keep alleged victims in their homes
- Focus on the alleged victim and not the perpetrator

## WHY PARTNER WITH APS?

Approximately half of APS cases involve a perpetrator and many of these cases involve criminal actions. APS is your partner in these cases. Depending on your state, APS might be able to:

- Assist alleged victims in obtaining protection orders against perpetrators
- Provide expertise in working with older adults and adults with disabilities
- Share records (medical, financial) with law enforcement
- Help law enforcement interpret those records

## LEARN MORE ABOUT MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS

APS works collaboratively with law enforcement and other professionals through Multidisciplinary Teams to ensure the safety of older adults and adults with disabilities.

CONNECT WITH A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM NEAR YOU:



FIND YOUR LOCAL APS AGENCY by contacting the state APS reporting hotline, available on the **State Resources Map**

